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Judson H. Turner, Director

April 18, 2016

Ms. Jill McMullan Manning's Ridge Property Owners Association 1065 Pine Grove Drive Alpharetta, Georgia 30009

RE:

Request for Variance under Provisions

of O.C.G.A. 12-7-6(15)

Existing Sedimentation Basin Rehabilitation

Manning's Ridge City of Alpharetta File: BV-060-16-04

Dear Mr. McMullan:

Attached is a copy of the Environmental Protection Division's public advisory for the subject project. The purpose of this public advisory is to provide interested parties with the opportunity to submit comments about the proposed stream buffer variance.

In accordance with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations, the applicant must publish a notice in the legal organ of the local jurisdiction. The legal organ in Fulton County appears to be the Fulton County Daily Report. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that is correct. The applicant's legal notice should contain the following information:

- 1. Description of the proposed buffer encroachment;
- 2. The location of the project;
- 3. Where the public can review site plans; and
- 4. Written comments should be submitted to the Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., SW, Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Please do not copy and publish the attached EPD public advisory as the applicant's legal notice. The public must have 30 days from the date of publication of the notice in the legal organ of the local jurisdiction to comment on a stream buffer variance proposal.

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Please send the entire original newspaper page with the public advisory and posted date of the published notice in the legal organ of the local jurisdiction to the NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit to complete the processing of your stream buffer variance application. If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 651-8549.

Sincerely,

Peggy Chambers

Environmental Specialist

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Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit

PC:kj Attachment

Honorable John Eaves CC:

> Robert Stachler Casey Piper Burke Murph Jeff Durniak John Loughridge

Jim Cooley

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION PUBLIC ADVISORY WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

April 18, 2016 Advisory Issue Date City of Alpharetta
City/County

May 18, 2016 Advisory Close Date BV-060-16-04 Control Number

Manning's Ridge-Sediment Basin Rehabilitation/Dredging Activity

This <u>advisory</u> is issued to inform the public of a receipt of an <u>Application for a variance</u> submitted pursuant to a state environmental Law. The public is invited to <u>comment</u> during the <u>30</u>-day <u>period</u> on the proposed activity. Since the EPD has no authority to zone property or determine land use, only those comments addressing environmental issues related to air, water, and land protection will be considered in the application review process. <u>Written comments</u> should be <u>submitted</u> to: <u>Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 MLK Jr., Dr., SW Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334</u>

Type of Permit Application:

Variance to encroach within the 25-foot State waters buffer.

Applicable Law:

Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.

Applicable Rules:

Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered {391-3-7.05 (2)(A-J)}: ___A____

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact a total of 57 linear feet (2,225 ft²) of stream buffer along an impoundment that is an unnamed tributary to Big Creek to remove accumulated sediment that has built up due to lack of maintenance and caused some blockage of the associated outlet control structure. Sediment will be removed to a maximum depth of 2' below ground surface. The outlet control structure will be retrofitted to prevent debris from blocking the weir opening. Spoils from the dredging activity will be placed outside the buffer. Project is located off Pine Grove Dr. within the Alpharetta City limits.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Ms. Jill McMullan
Manning's Ridge Property Owners Association
1065 Pine Grove Drive
Alpharetta, Georgia 30009

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with control measures based on sound conservation and engineering practices which meet or exceed the standards in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" and which will minimize erosion and deposition of sediments on adjacent lands or into State waters.

For Additional Information Contact:

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